



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Colonel Ronald B. Schmidt
Installation Commander
U.S. Army Garrison Fort Pickett
Blackstone, VA 23824-5000

JUL 18 1990

Re: Fort Pickett Compliance With Section 120
of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation
and Liability Act (CERCLA) as amended

Dear Commander Schmidt:

This letter is in response to the preliminary assessment (PA) of hazardous wastes which was submitted to this office for review. The information the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reviewed consisted of a PA for the facility and other facility documents in EPA files.

Based on the information submitted, there is insufficient data to complete the Hazard Ranking System (HRS) evaluation and determine an appropriate course of action for the site. Accordingly, there are two enclosures regarding the required data submission. The first is a deficiency checklist identifying the specific areas where additional information is required for EPA to complete the HRS evaluation under the existing system. The second is a draft of the guidance package, developed by EPA, which is intended to address the recently proposed (FR 12/23/88) revised HRS. While this guidance is still in draft form, it will be useful in completing the aforementioned deficient areas and ensure that scoring of the site will be consistent with all private and federal sites.

The follow-up information request is being made pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e). Failure to comply with this request may result in issuance of an order requiring compliance or a civil action to compel compliance including a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 for each day of noncompliance in accord with 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e)(5).

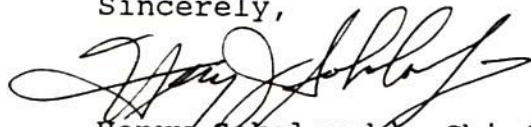
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It is requested that you review these enclosures and resubmit this information within 60 days of receipt of this letter. In the event that additional time is required beyond the specific 60 days it is requested that a response be sent within 30 days delineating a schedule, with real time dates, as to when this information will be submitted.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (215) 597-9809, or Lisa M. Cunningham at (215) 597-0984.

Sincerely,



Henry Sokolowski, Chief
Federal Facilities Section

2 Enclosures

cc: David Foley, Fort Pickett
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